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SUBJECT: SWINE INFLUENZA VACCINE: AVAILABILITY FOR NON-
OFFICIAL AMERICANS OVERSEAS

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1. THE SECRETARY OF HEW HAS APPROVED A RECOMMENDATION
THAT WILL ENABLE AMERICAN CORPORATIONS AND VOLUNTEER
AGENCIES WHO EMPLOY NON-OFFICIAL AMERICANS OVERSEAS TO
OBTAIN SWINE INFLUENZA VACCINE FOR IMPORTATION INTO
FOREIGN COUNTRIES PROVIDED CERTAIN CRITERIA ARE MET.

2. THE VACCINE WILL BE IMPORTED BY UTILIZING USUAL
CUSTOM CLEARANCE PROCEDURES OF HOST COUNTRIES.

3. THE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CENTER (CDC), U.S. PUBLIC
HEALTH SERVICE, HAS ESTABLISHED THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA
WHICH THEY WILL USE IN DECIDING WHICH CORPORATIONS AND
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VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WILL BE ALLOWED TO RECEIVE SWINE

FLU VACCINE. CDC IS TRANSMITTING THESE CRITERIA TO THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND OTHER U.S. BASED ORGANIZATIONS. BEGIN QUOTE:

---- USPHS CRITERIA - UNCLASSIFIED

AMERICAN CITIZENS RESIDING AND WORKING OVERSEAS MAY OBTAIN

INFLUENZA VACCINE IF THEY ARE WITH AN EMPLOYING CORPORATION, VOLUNTARY AGENCY, OR SIMILAR ORGANIZATION WILLING TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING THEM WITH NECESSARY INFORMATION AND ABLE TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS.

EACH SUCH "SPONSORING" ORGANIZATION MUST PROVIDE

A STATEMENT SIGNED BY A RESPONSIBLE EXECUTIVE, I.E.,

MEDICAL DIRECTOR, THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ASSURANCES:

-- 1. THE HOST COUNTRY DOES NOT HAVE LAWS OR CUSTOMS REGULATIONS WHICH WOULD BE VIOLATED BY THE IMPORTATION OF INFLUENZA VACCINE FROM THE U.S.

-- 2. THE "SPONSORING" ORGANIZATION WILL ADHERE TO THE POLICY OF PROVIDING VACCINE ONLY TO AMERICAN CITIZENS 16 YEARS AND OLDER WHO ARE EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS.

-- 3. THE "SPONSORING" ORGANIZATION WILL REPORT MONTHLY THE USE OF VACCINE AND THE NUMBER OF PERSONS VACCINATED. (FORM WILL BE FURNISHED TO INTERESTED GROUPS IN U.S.).

REPORTS SHOULD BE MAILED BY 5TH DAY OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH.

-- 4. VACCINE WILL BE DELIVERED ACCORDING TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES RECOMMENDATIONS.

-- 5. THE "SPONSORING" ORGANIZATION WILL ARRANGE FOR EACH PARTICIPANT TO BE SCREENED" MEDICALLY ACCORDING TO THE SCREENING INSTRUCTIONS.

-- 6. THE "SPONSORING" ORGANIZATION WILL ASSURE THAT THE PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE THE INTRODUCTION (IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ABOUT SWINE FLU AND VICTORIA FLU VACCINES) AND THE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION/REGISTRATION FORM FOR MONOVALENT (WHITE) OR BIVALENT (BLUE) VACCINE. (INFORMATION REQUEST FORM FURNISHED BY USPHS.)

-- 7. THE "SPONSORING" ORGANIZATION MUST ASSURE THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE FOR THE VACCINE OR ITS ADMINISTRATION.

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IN ADDITION, A PLAN FOR ACTUAL VACCINE ADMINISTRATION MUST BE PROVIDED INCLUDING:

-- 1. A LIST OF LOCATIONS WHERE INDIVIDUALS WILL BE IMMUNIZED; THE LIST SHOULD INCLUDE THE EXPECTED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS AT EACH SITE ACCORDING TO MONOVALENT OR BIVALENT REQUIREMENTS. DUE TO MINIMUM VACCINE PACKAGE SIZE (10 DOSES), VACCINE WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN MORE THAN 6 PERSONS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINE AT ANY ONE SITE.

-- 2. ASSURANCE THAT A MEDICAL DOCTOR OR NURSE IS AVAILABLE FOR SCREENING PATIENTS AND ADMINISTERING VACCINE. OTHER PERSONNEL MAY BE NECESSARY DEPENDING UPON THE ACTUAL PLAN FOR VACCINE ADMINISTRATION AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF

PERSONS EXPECTED.

-----3. THE EXPECTED DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL EXPECTED VACCINATIONS.

-----4. DESCRIPTION OF PROCEDURES FOR ALERTING PARTICIPANTS ABOUT POSSIBLE REACTIONS AND ADVICE ON APPROPRIATE ACTION.

-----CURRENTLY VACCINE IS LIMITED TO AMERICANS LIVING IN THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE. VACCINE IS ONLY AVAILABLE IN 10 TO 50 DOSE VIALS AND WILL BE SHIPPED BY CDC TO A DESIGNATED SITE IN THE STATES FOR EACH PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION. SHOULD AN ORGANIZATION DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE PROVIDE THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND ASSURANCES WITH SHIPPING INFORMATION:

----CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL

----ATTENTION:J. DONALD MILLER, M.D.

----DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF STATE SERVICES

----ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30333

----TELEPHONE: 406-613-3311, EXTENSION 3771 END QUOTE.

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4. THE PRECEDING INFORMATION IS FURNISHED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND FOR RESPONSE TO INQUIRES. WE REITERATE THAT NEITHER THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE NOR THE EMBASSIES HAVE AUTHORITY TO DISTRIBUTE OR TO ADMINISTER THE VACCINE TO NON-OFFICIAL AMERICANS. FYI:ORGANIZATIONS PROCURING THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VACCINE ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE ALL REPEAT ALL THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION, CUSTOMS CLEARANCE AND COMPLIANCE WITH HOST COUNTRY HEALTH REGULATIONS AS WELL AS DISTRIBUTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE VACCINE. END FYI. KISSINGER

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